

# MRS. HALL'S SLEUTH IN PRISON CELL MAY GIVE UP EXTRADITION FIGHT

## Simpson Refuses Concessions to Jailed Detective

Disagreement of counsel may result in waiving of extradition by Felix Di Martini, stellar sleuth of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall.

Investigators of the slaying of the Rev. Edward S. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, believe the detective will reveal everything he knows as soon as he surrenders and the extradition warrant is served, it was reported today.

Rumors that were well-grounded brought Captain Harry Walsh of Jersey City to the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, last night, where Di Martini is held without bail prior to decision in habeas corpus proceedings, prepared to execute the extradition order should counsel abandon previous plans.

Counsel for Di Martini had already pleaded for a writ to prevent their client's extradition under a warrant signed by Governor Smith. Supreme Court Justice Callaghan who heard the arguments reserved decision until Tuesday.

State Senator J. Henry Harrison, Di Martini's counsel in New Jersey, and Robert H. McCarter, chief of the Hall defense, are anxious for the private investigator of four years ago to be returned, it was learned from an authoritative source.

Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hall's personal counsel, and John McKim Minton, Di Martini counsel in New York, take the opposite stand and will insist that Di Martini continue his battle against extradition.

### No Promises for Detective

Di Martini's counsel called Special Prosecutor Alexander W. Simpson after the hearing yesterday and asked if he would give his pledge not to question their client until the trial in the event he waived extradition.

Simpson would not commit himself. "That matter is entirely up to Capt. Walsh," was the only comment he would make.

Di Martini will be allowed freedom in \$10,000 bonds if he waives extradition, Simpson said.

McCarter believes that at the Hall trial the prosecution will make use of the refusal to return Di Martini, which is the reason pointed out for his anxiety that Mrs. Hall's investigator give up his battle against extradition.

### Another Carpenter Statement

While a violent disagreement between counsel for the defense loomed, Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, one of the four indicted for the double murder, issued a bitter broadside against Prosecutor Simpson from his cell in the Somerset county jail.

Simpson had previously said he was looking for a "leak" among the investigators whereby the defense was obtaining information supposed to be in the exclusive possession of the state.

Simpson's declaration of a leak came when it was alleged that Carpenter had seen an affidavit made by former State Trooper Harry Dickman.

"Strange as it may seem to the senator (if he is really serious in



A. W. Simpson

## Hall-Mills Echo in Brooklyn Court



THE SCENE OF INTEREST in the Hall-Mills murder investigation suddenly shifted from New Jersey to Brooklyn, where lawyers wrangled in court over the extradition of Felix Di Martini, private detective for Mrs. Frances Hall, who, with her two brothers and cousin, is charged with complicity in the murder of her husband and Mrs. Elinor Mills. Di Martini (at left) is seen in court guarded by Detective Trainer.

## Daugherty Jury Go Out; Spent Night at McAlpin

The jury in Federal Court which has been hearing the government's conspiracy case against Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, and Col. I. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, after the charge by Judge Mack at 4:45 last night, retired for deliberation, and later were quartered, under guard, at the Hotel McAlpin. This morning they reconvene at 10:30.

Judge Mack, in his charge, made the customary exposition of the law and the facts, together with guiding principles, and then instructed the jurors that they were free to return any of three verdicts. These were to acquit or convict both defendants or acquit and convict them separately.



H. M. Daugherty Col. T. W. Miller

At 10:30 the jury called for a section of exhibits in the trial. The collection took twenty minutes and the exhibits were carried into the jury room.

Judge Mack went home at 11 o'clock, advising the jurors that they could adjourn for the night when they wished.

Conviction would carry a penalty of two years' imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both.

## THE WEATHER

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LOCAL—Fair and warmer with moderate westerly winds.  
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## Kidnappers Lure Girl, 5, At Play in Schoolyard; Carry Her Off in Car

MARTINVILLE, N. J., Oct. 9.—Alice Penny, 5, was kidnapped mysteriously from the school yard of the Martinville Grammar School while she was playing during the morning recess, according to information which reached the state police today.

### Indicted Bank Head on Way Here To Stand Trial

Jacob Schaefer will be brought here from Jacksonville, Fla., where he was arrested by secret service agents, to answer an indictment charging him with the theft of \$23,528.08 from the National Bank of Bay Ridge, of which he was formerly president, according to reports today.

The banker disappeared shortly after his indictment, which was kept secret while agents searched for him.

Schaefer, who is 40, belonged to many social, benevolent and commercial organizations in Brooklyn, where he lives at 35 Orange St. He was respected by those who knew him and had a fine reputation. When his brother, Daniel, an undertaker of 4123 5th Ave., heard the charges he was shocked.

The depositors of the Bay Ridge bank, which Schaefer organized, are protected from loss because of a bank merger made recently. He had resigned his position as president June 11, 1924, because of ill health.

The period of his alleged defalcations extended from May 26, 1923, to January 2, 1924. He started his career as a bank messenger at 14, and in 1913 was promoted to manager of the Mechanics Bank in Bay Ridge.

### BORAH STILL A DRY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (By U.P.).—Senator Borah of Idaho has written to Senator Edwards, New Jersey wet Democrat, denying he has changed his stand on prohibition or on the prohibition referendum.

### PRESIDENT HAS COLD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (By U.P.).—A sudden drop in temperature has given a slight cold to President Coolidge. It has not interfered with his office routine.

## Skull Unearthed May Be a Relic Of Pirate Days

MURLINGTON, N. J., Oct. 9.—A human skull unearthed by school children here is thought by some persons to be that of a Spaniard whom the pirate, Blackbeard, buried over his treasure two centuries ago, according to tradition.

Now the children are feverishly digging in the excavation for the gold.

It is recalled, against the theory that the skull is a relic of pirate days, that many Indians have been buried in this section.

## 600 Clerks Made Ill By Ptomaine Poisoning

Six hundred employees of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company were poisoned by ptomaine a few days ago, after lunching at the company restaurant on the eleventh floor of the Metropolitan Life Building at 1 Madison Ave.

from work for several days. Others tried to work and had to be sent home. All were "mild" cases.

### Origin a Mystery

The origin of the ptomaine has not been discovered, according to Dr. Knight, but the company physicians are seeking it. In the meantime the employees are continuing to lunch in the restaurant, assured there will not be a recurrence of the poisoning.

The restaurant is of the cafeteria variety. The food is free to employees. Most of them lunch there, including doctors and executives. The equipment is modern and scrupulously clean.